

Get Involved: Pray



EMBRACE Prayer Group March 2015

This month makes up most of this year's season of Lent and offers us a time of special preparation for the great celebration of Easter – Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. We read in the Gospels that Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days and nights. Lent is our opportunity to accompany Jesus in the wilderness, to perhaps spend some additional time with him in prayer and sacrifice.

Before Jesus gave up his Spirit on Good Friday, he said from the Cross, '**I thirst**'. In many ways I believe these words of Jesus sum up beautifully the heart of our Christian calling in life.

Some years ago I had the privilege of volunteering with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta. I remember being in the 'Mother House', in their chapel, and seeing next to the crucifix these words of Jesus, '**I thirst**'. I later learned that in every Missionary of Charity house around the world, in their chapel, beside the crucifix, are Jesus' words, '**I thirst**'. Mother Teresa often said that Jesus thirsted not only for a drink but also for our love and that we would love one another.

During this month could we see these words of Jesus from the Cross, '**I thirst**', at the heart of every person we meet, as if they were wearing a visible sign as a reminder for each of us.

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This month we give thanks for:

- Our Faith which gives meaning to our lives.
- The food and drink that nourish our bodies.
- This special time to accompany Jesus in preparation for Easter.
- Those who have made sacrifices for us.

We pray:

- that we will see the words of Jesus, '**I thirst**', at the heart of every person we meet – especially our migrant, refugee, asylum seeking, and minority-ethnic brothers and sisters – and with God's help respond to their deepest needs.
- that we will be blessed with people in our lives with whom we can share our own thirsts.